

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 98-512-C - ORDER NO. 1999-77
FEBRUARY 1, 1999

IN RE: Request of the South Carolina Telephone) ORDER
Coalition for Suspension or Modification,)
Pursuant to 251(f)(2) of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996, of Local)
Number Portability Requirements.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (SCTC) for suspension or modification, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 251(f)(2), of the requirement to provide local number portability (LNP) according to the schedule set forth by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The Commission's Executive Director directed by letter that SCTC publish in a newspaper of general circulation, one time, a Notice of Filing describing methodology for participation in the proceeding by members of the public. SCTC furnished affidavits to show compliance with the directions of the Executive Director. One Petition to Intervene was received from the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate).

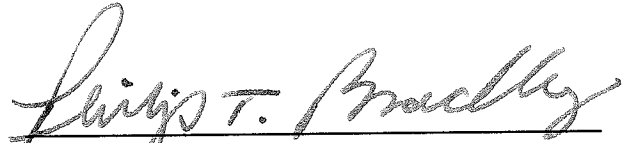
Subsequently, SCTC filed a Motion for Expedited Review of the Petition, and requested that the scheduled hearing be waived. Verified testimony was also filed by SCTC. The Consumer Advocate agreed that the hearing could be waived if it was allowed to file a written response to the Petition. Under the SCTC proposal, the

Consumer Advocate would file its response no later than January 26, 1999, and SCTC would be permitted to file a Reply no later than February 5, 1999. SCTC then asks that this Commission take the matter under consideration based on the pleadings.

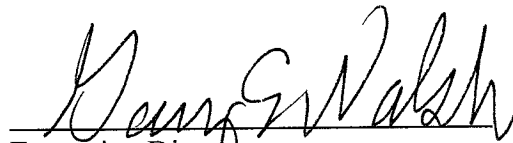
We hereby grant the Motion for Expedited Review, and hold that pleadings shall be filed based on the schedule set out by SCTC. Further, we hereby hold that the hearing is waived, and that we will decide this matter based on the pleadings filed in this case.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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